1 The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 **SEATTLE** 9 RANDI GOMEZ CERVANTES, 10 Plaintiff. 11 CASE NO. 2:19-cv-00367-RSL 12 v. 13 JOINT MOTION TO STAY CYNTHIA MUNITA, Field Office Director for **PROCEEDINGS** United States Citizenship and Immigration 14 Services, Seattle Office, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff, Randi Gomez Cervantes, and Defendants, Cynthia Munita, et al. (collectively, "the 18 parties"), by and through their respective counsel, jointly move to further stay all proceedings in this 19 matter for an additional 30 days, until January 17, 2020, to allow sufficient time for U.S. Citizenship 20 and Immigration Services ("USCIS") to issue a decision on Plaintiff's application to adjust to 21 permanent resident status ("Form I-485"), the denial of which is the subject of this litigation. 22 On July 19, 2019, the parties jointly moved to stay proceedings for 90 days, until October 17, 23 2019, and the Court granted that motion on July 24, 2019. ECF No. 11. As indicated in that motion 24 to stay proceedings, USCIS reopened Plaintiff's Form I-485 and re-interviewed Plaintiff on July 16, 2019. ECF No. 10. On October 17, 2019, the parties jointly filed a second motion to stay 25 proceedings, this time for 30 days. ECF No. 12. In that motion, the parties indicated that USCIS had 26 27 FOURTH JOINT MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS - 1 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (2:19-cv-00367-RSL) 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220 28

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If interviewed an additional individual with knowledge relevant to the application, and that Plaintiff's application remained pending. Id. On October 25, 2019, the Court granted the parties' second joint motion to stay proceedings, thereby staying the case for an additional 30 days. ECF No. 13. The Court further provided that, if necessary, the parties should file a joint status report by November 18, 2019. Id. Consistent with the Court's October 25, 2019 Order, the parties informed that Court that a decision on Plaintiff's Form I-485 was pending. On November 19, 2019, the Court granted the parties' third joint motion to stay proceedings until December 18, 2019. ECF 15.

Pursuant to the Court's November 19, 2019 order, the parties submit this status report to inform the court that USCIS's counsel has been informed that Plaintiff's application has been approved and the Form I-551 will be issued to Plaintiff in the near future. No documentation of this determination is available at this time for Plaintiff's counsel to confirm this information. Insofar as USCIS's forthcoming decision most likely will obviate the need for further proceedings in this matter, the parties jointly move that proceedings be stayed an additional 30 days, until January 17, 2020. This motion is thus supported by good cause and will not result in undue delay in the administration of this case. If the Court grants this Order, the parties will jointly update the Court on or before January 17, 2020, as to the necessity of further proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the parties jointly move that this Court stay proceedings for an additional 30 days, until January 17, 2020, pending USCIS's final determination on Plaintiff's Form I-485.

DATED this 18th day of December, 2019.

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**PROPOSEDLORDER** IT IS SO ORDERED. In accordance with the joint motion of the parties, the case is stayed for an additional 30 days, until January 17, 2020. On or before January 17, 2020, the parties shall provide the Court with a joint status report as to the need for further proceedings. DATED THIS 19th day of December 2019. HON. ROBERT S. LASNIK UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOURTH JOINT MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS - 4 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (2:19-cv-00367-RSL) 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220 Seattle, Washington 98101-1271 206-553-7970